31.3.1998, 62 Central PSUs have been registered with the BIFR.

(b) The information with regard to number of employees in Central PSUs including sick PSUs is available at Statement No. 28, Volume I of PE Survey 1995-96, which has already been laid in both the Houses of the Parliament and is a published document.

(c) No centralised data is maintained in regard to number of ancillary units associated with the Central PSUs.

(d) Sick Industrial Central PSUs are referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulation of revival/rehabilitation package. As on 31.3.1998 out of the 62 PSUs referred to the BIFR, 2 PSUs have already been revived and in respect of 19 PSUs, BIFR have approved the revival packages which are at different stages of implementation. The concerned administrative .Ministries also endeavour to take a number of time bound turn around measures like professionalisation of Boards, infusion of funds, organisational and financial restructuring, etc. This is a continuous process.

Demand for automobile

1251. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is projected demand for automobiles in the country, during the 9th Plan period;

(b) What is total licensed capacity of automobile production in India;

(c) what is the actual production of automobilies in India;

(d) whether it is a fact that the automobiles production in India is more than its demand; and

(e) whether there is any commitmen for export before licensing?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) According to the working group of Planning Commission for 9th Plan year-wise projected demand for various types of vehicles in the country during 9th Plan period is as under:

(in 000 Nos.)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Cars	480	550	630	720	800
Light Commercial Vehicles	170	185	205	225	250
Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicles	160	175	195	215	235
Two Wheelers	3300	3600	3900	4200	4300
Three Wheelers	220	240	240	280	300

(b) Automobile industry is a delicensed industry. Hence licensed capacity in present scenario has no relevance.

(c) Actual production of different types of vehicles during 1997-98 is given below:

Number of Vehicles

Type of Vehicles	Production
Cars	4,01,002
Light Commercial Vehicles	65,067
Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicles	95,931

Type of Vehicles	Production
Multi-Utility Vehicles	1,34,613
Two Wheelers' Three	30,72,667
Wheelers	2,34,867
TOTAL:	40,04,147

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Loss in HMT

1252. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HMT watch Division is losing heavily;

(b) what is the total cumulative loss incurred by the Watch Division; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to review the watch factory?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cumulative loss incurred by the Watch Di"ision is Rs. 21 Crores.

(c) The performance of HMT is regularly monitored and reviewed by the Government.

Policy formulation for wood based industries

1253. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new policy has been formulated/proposed to be laid down in the forest areas for wood based industries after the enactment of Forest Protection Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and *

(c) the steps taken by Government to develop wood based industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) No new policy has been formulated in the forest areas for wood-based industries.

(c) Vide Press Note No. 11(1997 series) issued on 17th July, 1997 by the Ministry of Industry, plywood, veneers of all types and other wood based products such as particle board, medium density fibre board/block board have since been de-licensed subject to locational conditions, and relevant statutes/statutory/ppjicy notifications such as the Wild Life Protection' Act, 1972,' National Forest Policy and directions and decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Industrial Mishaps

1254. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that quite a large number of Industries have experienced blast and industrial mishap during last three years;

(b) whether Government have collected reports on such blasts or mishaps;

(c) whether it is a fact that no specifications on construction, storage, pipelines, reactors have been evolved by his Ministry; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Industrial inspectors have not been rigidly implementing safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Salt in Thane

1255. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantum of salt produced in the district of Thane;

(b) what are the number of people employed in this industry;